

CURBSIDE CLEANUP

Curbside Cleanup is available to single-family homes and residential units where the full association has opted into the program. Prepare for your Curbside Cleanup day by setting your materials at the curb before 7 a.m. Items must be boxed or bundled with twine. **No plastic bags will be accepted.** Remember, trucks pass through only once.

Seniors or residents with disabilities who need help moving things to the curb can contact Human Services at least **two weeks** prior to their scheduled pickup date at 952-563-4944 or TTY 952-563-4933.

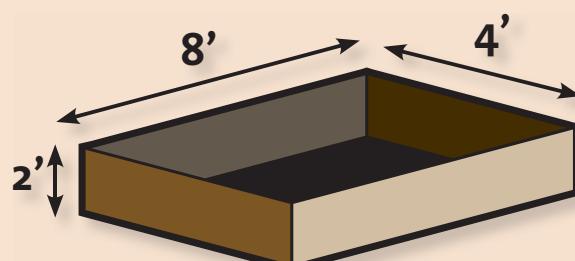
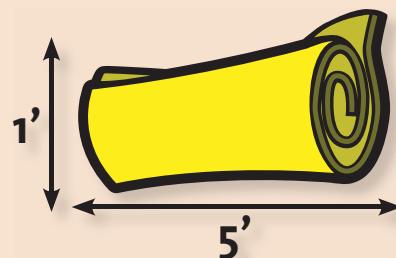
Residents are encouraged to recycle, reuse or donate items before disposing of them. For more information, visit blm.mn/curbside.

QUESTIONS? CALL 952-563-8760

To receive Curbside schedule reminders, visit blm.mn/e-subscribe, click on E-Subscribe, and sign up for email updates.

ACCEPTED AT THE CURB

- General junk:** Boxed or bundled with twine—under 100 pounds per item.
- Carpets/pads:** Rolled and securely tied with twine. Under five feet long and one foot in diameter.
- Appliances:** Water heaters and softeners, microwaves, washers, dryers, stoves, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, freezers, dishwashers, trash compactors, garbage disposals, water coolers, refrigerators (remove door or tie securely shut). **Limit of two appliances per house. DO NOT set out appliances until the morning of your pickup date.**
- Unusable furniture:** Disassemble or tie down hide a way sofa beds so they cannot open when handled.
- Household building materials, lumber, windows and doors:** Pile limited to what fits in ONE level standard-size pickup truck. Lumber stacked and no longer than five feet. **NO railroad ties. NO business materials used for contractor work.**
- BUNDLED brush:** Branches must be smaller than three inches in diameter and five feet in length, tied with twine and put in bundles that can be carried by one person. Brush piles must be no more than what can fit in a standard pickup truck.
- Mattresses/box springs.**
- Large metal ONLY:** Large scrap metal items that do not fit in the trunk of a car (swing sets, barbecue grills, bikes, treadmills, lawn mowers, snow blowers, etc.) Drain all fluids and remove tires. Smaller items should be taken to the South Hennepin Recycling and Problem Waste Drop-Off Center, 1400 West 96th Street.



NOT ACCEPTED AT THE CURB

- Small metal.**
- Tires, batteries.**
- Tubs, sinks, toilets.**
- Construction items:** Contractor materials, railroad ties, concrete, bricks or shingles (asbestos).
- Exceptionally heavy and bulky items:** Such as pianos or organs.
- Electronic items:** TVs, computers, stereos and cell phones, printers.
- Hazardous waste:** Paint, motor oil, solvents, fluorescent tubes, propane and other household chemicals.
- Organic materials:** Leaves, grass clippings, sod, stumps, logs and food waste.
- Recyclable materials:** Newspapers, cans, glass, corrugated cardboard, boxboard and plastic bottles.



For tips on how to properly dispose of items not accepted at the curb, call 612-348-3777 or visit the Green Disposal Guide on Hennepin County's website at www.hennepin.us/green-disposal-guide.

2017 CLEANUP SCHEDULE

West of Normandale	April 8
Normandale to France	April 15
France to Penn	April 22
Penn to Portland	April 29
East of Portland	May 6



EARTH ACTION HERO: BUILDING BETTER HABITATS

Longtime Bloomington residents Dawn Bradshaw and Kathy Gray spend most of their free time surrounded by plants and wildflowers, chirping birds, butterflies and plenty of other wildlife. They don't travel far to reach it, either. It's all right in their backyard.



The size of the lot their rambler sits on is typical for Bloomington, but the yard is not just the regular grass edged with a few flower beds. Bradshaw and Gray have spent seven years cultivating a collection of native plants and filling many large areas, known as berms, throughout the yard with them. The yard is almost completely covered with prairie grasses and flowers except for the paths around the berms that lead to the two ponds, fountains and the gazebo.

All of these plants make the backyard a pollinator's paradise. It is also a National Wildlife Federation Certified Wildlife Habitat that gives bees, butterflies, birds and other small animals a place to live and thrive.

"We have so many different birds in the yard and each spring a pair of mallards stays for a while," said Gray. "There are bees, butterflies and squirrels, too."

Certified Wildlife Habitats provide food, water, cover and a place to raise young for area pollinators and wildlife. Each habitat provides these resources for wildlife that lives in the area and other wildlife passing through along migratory corridors.

Bradshaw and Gray also practice sustainable gardening, in accordance with the National Wildlife Federation's certification guidelines. They compost and do not use any fertilizers or pesticides.

YARD WASTE FAQ

Full-season yard waste subscription service kicks off for the year on April 17 and will run until November 30, weather permitting. Here are the answers to some frequently asked questions about yard waste.

What is yard waste?

Yard waste includes all garden waste, grass clippings, leaves, weeds, soft garden materials, shrub and tree waste, prunings and wood chips. Remember: twigs and branches must be no more than three feet in length and three inches or less in diameter.

How should I bag it?

Place yard waste in Kraft paper bags, BPI certified compostable bags, the distributed yard waste cart or on the ground tied in bundles. Bags and bundles should not be heavier than 40 pounds.

How can I start a new subscription?

Call Utility Billing at 952-563-8726 to sign up for service. If you no longer require a yard waste service in 2017, please call Utility Billing to cancel your service before April 15. Yard waste charges will not be prorated or refunded. In response to many requests, one additional yard waste cart may be made available to properties enrolled in a full-season subscription service. The annual

fee associated with the additional yard waste cart will be \$35.

How much will it cost?

Subscribers will pay an annual rate of \$79.50 for unlimited yard waste collection; this will be billed by the City as a one-time charge on your utility bill in early 2017.

What if I subscribed last year?

If you were a full-season subscriber last year, there is no need to call. You will automatically be enrolled in the full-season yard waste subscription service in 2017. If you signed up for a partial-season service late last year, you will also automatically be enrolled in the full-season yard waste subscription service for 2017.

I don't have enough yard waste for weekly collection. Is there another option for me?

Residents with minimal yard waste may prefer to use the "on-call" yard waste services. Stickers may be purchased for \$4 each in the Finance Department at Civic Plaza, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road. Residents must adhere one sticker to each "on-call" bag of yard waste. To schedule an "on-call" collection, contact Utility Billing at 952-563-8726 at least 48 hours prior to your collection day.